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## REMINDER—SCHOOL FEES OVERDUE

Full payment or 1st & 2nd instalment of school fees are now overdue. Please make sure you pay either in full or make a payment as soon as possible.

Cash or direct credit to:

Kongorong Primary School

BSB: 065-504

Account No: 10385800

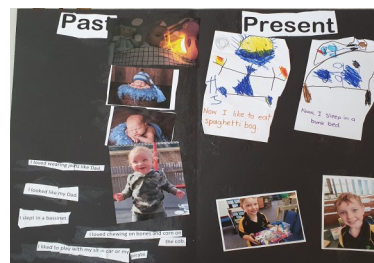
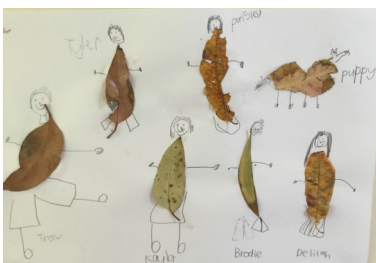
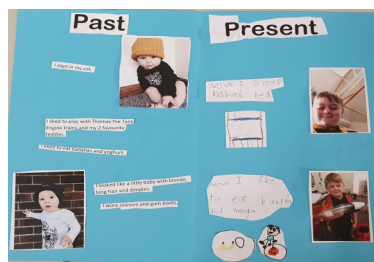
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If you need to arrange a payment plan, please see Stacey in the front office.

The School Card Scheme is also available to eligible families. Go to <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

### Lower Primary News

In Lower Primary our HASS learning this term has had a focus on personal histories. We have considered the differences between the past, present and future and made posters comparing each student's past and present. These posters created a lot of discussion about how students have changed. We are now thinking about our families and have begun to consider how family structures and roles can change over time. Students listened to the story "Family Forest" before collecting leaves to create a picture of their own family.



## DIARY DATES

NAPLAN  
13 March - 22nd March

Grandparents Day  
Friday 15th March

Good Friday  
Friday 29th March

Easter Monday  
Monday 1st April

Student Free Day  
Tuesday 2nd April

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### Professional Learning and Student Free Day

On Tuesday 2 April 2024 Governing Council have approved a Student Free Day. Our staff will work together on our reading programs, in order to achieve our goal of increasing the number of students achieving the Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) and above. This is measured in our annual PAT testing in September, NAPLAN which is currently underway and in multiple assessments used by your child's teachers throughout the year.

It is most important for improvement in any area for all staff to be 'on the same page' and teaching consistently across year levels. This Student Free Day will be a perfect opportunity for us to clarify our teaching practices, build our knowledge of reading improvement and check for consistency across all grades and curriculum areas. We hope you will notice a resulting improvement in your child's reading as a result.

### Sports Day

How fortunate that the heatwave conditions of the weekend cleared in time for our Kongorong Primary Sports Day, and a mild, cloudy day gave us perfect conditions for our event.

All of our students, from preschool through year 6, competed with enthusiasm and excitement on the day. For the first time, we moved through the events as one group with older students competing first and younger students following on. This resulted in a most encouraging environment as each cohort cheered on the others. Parents were also able to watch all of their children without dividing their time between events.

We had one record broken on the day. Leo broke his brother Mason's sprint record with a time of 14.37. Congratulations Leo!



The competition was very close this year, with a narrow win to Caves being the end result. Caves team captain Mason accepted the shield on behalf of his team.

Thank you to all the student leaders and team captains who helped with set up, and the entire student group who helped with pack up. Thank you to our parents and families who came along to cheer and encourage students during events, provide food for a welcome break, or help with packing up. Thanks also to our staff whose forethought, help with setting up and support on the day was wonderful. It was a true community effort, with all of us joining in and helping each other to have a fabulous day of sporting activities.

Students have already requested some extra practice sessions for the events before we head off to Small Schools Sports Day on 5 April 2024. No doubt their efforts on our sports day will inspire them to perform even better at the next one, and their team spirit will be an inspiration to all other schools!

GO KONGORONG!

**Our school values— Working Together, Respect, Striving for Success, Honesty, Tolerance**

**Our school vision—We encourage a love of learning, a strong sense of self, respect for others and the desire to become good global citizens. We promote independence and responsibility as we guide our school towards a positive future.**

Sharon Day  
Principal











# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Call for Expressions of Interest

Wattle Range Council is looking for young people aged 12-24 who live in the Council area to join its Youth Advisory Council.



Are you?

- Aged between 12 & 24 years
- Living in the Wattle Range Council area
- Interested in the wellbeing of young people, youth events and activities, leadership and helping others in the community
- Able to think 'big picture'

Whats in it for you?

- Free training in topics such as public speaking, media training/awareness, leadership, resilience and overcoming adversity, financial literacy (budgeting)
- Team building session at Noorla-Yo Long
- Get involved in your local community
- Meet other young people passionate about youth wellbeing, services & events
- Influence Council decisions
- Be mentored by the Mayor and senior Council staff
- Receive gift vouchers, certificate of achievement & personal references
- It will be fun, great for your resume, and personal development and a great excuse to meet new people

What do you have to do?

- Commit to regular meetings (up to monthly)
- Be the voice of youth in your community
- Be inclusive and considerate of the needs of all young people within the community
- Be willing to be actively involved in conversations and contribute to discussions
- Be willing to assist with planning and running youth events



FIND OUT MORE

Questions?

08 8733 0900  
council@watterange.sa.gov.au

Young people who are Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders, culturally & linguistically diverse, living with a disability and members of the LGBTQIA+ community are welcome to apply



# YOUTH WEEK 2024

Free events for Wattle Range Council youth aged 12-24

15-24 MARCH

## ESCAPE ROOM - "ENVY"

A 1920's style murder mystery game of extravagant luxury and deadly feuds.

Get ready for a night of danger dressed in velvet gloves!

Sessions Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd @ 4pm,  
Saturday 23rd @ 9am & 10.30am

Millicent Public Library



## DISC GOLF SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Come along and try the world's fastest growing sport.

Equipment provided.

All ages and abilities welcome.

Starts at 10- 11.30am

Visit [humanitix](https://humanitix.com) to book



## KAYAKING ON LAKE LEAKE SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

Join us to enjoy kayaking on the beautiful Lake Leake

Ages 12 to 24 years

3 sessions commencing at

9.30 am, 10.30am and 11.30am

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ALL EVENTS FREE!